

The transformation of the poor law into modern social assistance, that represents one of the free pillars of the contemporary welfare state, has been a very long process. Until the Age of Enlightenment the Church played an expressive role in this respect. Afterwards it came from the state, which created rules of law to insure the considerable part of the population against illness, injury and old age by means of social insurance. Despite all this, there survived the specific group of people that was distinct from the existing system. Hence came the field of activity for municipalities and associations that were in charge of this business. Development and operation of these organizations follows this work, which he takes as a model at the semi-official institutions, former District of Brandys nad Labem, Prague city communities and the private care Seyvalterovu cozy blind girls with activities in Prague and Brandys nad Labem.